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Selection of Men Easy.

It has been made plain from sources close to the mediators that after the principles are agreed upon the selection of men for the provisional government will be comparatively easy.

The plans of the mediators look to a settlement of the difficulties between the United States and the Mexican government before submitting the program adopted here to the constitutionalists. They consider the internal and external phases of the Mexican problem are inseparable. They believe the United States will find repatriation for the offenses of the Huerta government, such as the arrest of the bluejackets at Tampico, in the establishment of an entirely new government in Mexico.

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## ORDER TO DIMINISH FLEET AT VERA CRUZ

### Variance in the Opinions Regarding the Movement of Vessels Homeward.

Great significance attaches to recent orders involving a material reduction in the strength of the United States fleet at the port of Vera Cruz and vicinity. An entire division of Admiral Badger's fleet of battleships is to be ordered to the United States "in order to give the crews shore liberty," and twelve torpedo boat destroyers have been ordered to proceed to their respective home yards for a general overhauling. The home-coming division is commanded by Rear Admiral Fletcher, and consists of four battleships which have had the longest continuous service in Mexican waters. It was said the torpedo boats were ordered away because of threatened ineffectual attacks, but that report was negated by the fact that five vessels of that type are to remain on the station.

### No Longer Apprehensive.

In some quarters the radical reduction of the naval strength at Vera Cruz and the apparent disinclination to increase the military force at that port is taken to mean that the administration no longer apprehends any serious danger in that quarter from either the Huerta or the Carranza forces.

That impression is predicated on a report that assurances have been given that Huerta is to retire from power and that the constitutionalists will accept the assistance of the United States in the establishment of a stable government in accordance with the constitution.

### Climatic Dangers Assigned.

Another explanation of the withdrawal of so many warships from the Vera Cruz station is that a large number of the bluejackets are showing the effects of the hot weather and bad atmosphere and are being brought home to recuperate. It is known that the authorities are more apprehensive of climatic conditions in Mexico than over the reported military activities of the federal troops between Vera Cruz and the U. S. Hydroaeroplanes.

### Fire on U. S. Hydroaeroplanes.

VERA CRUZ, May 25.—Navy hydroaeroplanes were fired on yesterday by American outposts, just beyond the American lines, and the planes were sent after the airman, who were high in the air. The bullets failed to reach their marks.

### HARRIS TO HOLD CENSUS JOB.

#### Not to Lose Place as Director While After Georgia Governorship.

Director William J. Harris of the bureau of the census undoubtedly will conduct his campaign for the governorship of Georgia without even losing his status as head of the census office. He left here Saturday and will be gone for three weeks on a speaking tour in Georgia in the interest of his cause. It is probable that he will spend much time after that in his home state looking after his campaign.

Secretary Redfield made it plain this afternoon that he was not going to accept Director Harris' resignation at this time, and that that reason did not lie in mind any successor to the head of the census bureau. When asked if he had accepted the verbal resignation tendered by the census director last week, Secretary Redfield said: "I most certainly have not, and I am not going to accept it. I told him when he came to present it that I did not want his resignation."

### WILL INVADE EUROPE.

#### High School Sorority Sends "Missionary" to Organize Chapters.

CHICAGO, May 25.—The Sigma Delta Gamma High School Sorority today has a missionary on the way to Europe to endeavor to find high school sororities in that continent. Miss Rose Peckham, a graduate of Hyde Park high school, started on a tour, financed from the funds of the sorority, which will include London, Paris, Copenhagen and other cities.

Miss Peckham will organize chapters wherever she can interest high school students. The mission here has been to oppose repressive measures adopted by the board of education against the sororities and fraternities.

### REBELS AROUSED BY SALUTE.

#### Mistake Booming of Complimentary Guns for Attack on City.

ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA, MAZATLAN, Mexico, May 25.—A two-gun salute, fired by the American and Japanese warships in the harbor and by the federal fortifications, was misinterpreted today by the besieging constitutionalists as an attack on the city, instead of a tribute to the late dwager empress of Japan.

Gen. Obregon's batteries promptly opened a spirited fire on the city, and a number of shells and a hail of machine gun bullets fell in the streets.

### SERVICE LAW ANNULLLED.

#### New York Act Conflicts With Federal Statute.

The New York hours of service law was today annulled as in conflict with the federal hours of service law by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The New York law limited the hours of service of a telegraph operator to eight hours in twenty-four. The federal law limits the service to nine hours in twenty-four.

The Erie railroad was cited for violating a telegraph operator's hours of eight hours. It then began suit to recover the fine levied.

### California's Convicts Increase.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., May 25.—There were 240 more prisoners in California's two penitentiaries May 1 than one year before. The largest increase in the history of the state, according to a report of a state parole officer made public today.

The total, May 1, was 3,057—2,123 at San Quentin, 1,163 at Folsom and 440 on parole. Only six paroled men were without work.

## BOOK MEN IN CITY FOR CONFERENCE

### American Library Association Opens Its 36th Annual Convention Tonight.

#### ORGANIZATION NOW HAS SIX THOUSAND MEMBERS

Invitation Extended the Public by Dr. Bowerman to Attend All Meetings.

With a number of delegates already in the city and trains bringing scores of others, the indications are that the attendance record at the thirty-sixth annual conference of the American Library Association, which opens tonight in the Continental Memorial Hall, will be broken. Some of the delegates came to Washington yesterday and last night, and altogether more than 1,000 advance registrations from librarians proposing to attend the conference have been received.

Word was received at the headquarters of the association that the labor-saving device is to be given by A. E. Bostwick, the chairman. The other business at the session tonight will be an illustrated lecture by H. H. B. Meyer, chief of the division of bibliography, Library of Congress, on "The Libraries of Washington."



HERBERT PUTNAM.

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The purpose of the conference of 1881, at which there were only seventy delegates, the American Library Association never has held an annual meeting in Washington, although in 1892 this city was on the itinerary of the conference which met at Lakewood, Baltimore. But the future plans of the organization, actively fostered by Dr. George F. Bowerman, librarian of the local Public Library and chairman of the conference, contemplate the holding of at least one conference out of every three or four in the National Capital.

### Invitation to the Public.

Dr. Bowerman has issued an invitation to the general public to attend all general and sectional meetings tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday evenings at 8:15 o'clock and Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock will be held in the auditorium of Memorial Continental Hall.



DR. GEORGE F. BOWERMAN.

Sectional meetings and the meetings of affiliated associations will be held at the New Willard and the New Ebbitt mornings and afternoons of each day. Herbert Putnam, librarian of the Library of Congress, is to give the Librarian's address, and Dr. W. L. McEwan, pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church, on the ascension, which he closed with these words:

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## PART OF LONG LINE OF APPLICANTS FOR TICKETS TO HEAR COL. ROOSEVELT'S LECTURE BEFORE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY



Illustration of a crowd of people waiting for tickets to hear Col. Roosevelt's lecture before the National Geographic Society.

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## TOLD MEN THEY WOULD BE ADRIFT FOURTEEN DAYS

### Oiler Died in Delirium After Drinking Salt Water, Says Revenue Service Report.

In a dream in his home in Antwerp, before sailing, young Peter Prieve, a Belgian cabin boy of the fated British steamer Columbian, abandoned on fire at sea May 4, foresaw the tragic fate of the ship, and that he would be adrift in an open boat for fourteen days.

This incident of the latest sea catastrophe is told in the report of Capt. C. E. Johnston, commanding the revenue cutter Seneca, to the revenue cutter service.

Just fourteen days after the boat had left the side of the Columbian, carrying away the cabin boy and fourteen other members of the crew, the Seneca picked up the lifeboat. Four of the fifteen were alive.

The cabin boy had died a few hours before the rescue. To his comrades in the boat he kept repeating his prediction that they would be fourteen days adrift, and that he would not be able to hold out, and would never see Antwerp again.

## ROOSEVELT SEEKS PARTY'S STRENGTH

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At the several mass meetings held under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Union protesting against Sunday base ball and Sunday theatrical performances, and it was announced that these petitions when signed were to be presented to Congress with the demand that a law be enacted to prohibit such amusements on the Sabbath, and that the law be made retroactive to the time when such forms of amusement as are now not the subject of adverse legislation.

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### Movement in Vera Cruz State Against Rebels, Spanish Ambassador Reports.

The Spanish ambassador informed the State Department last night that he had just received a message from the foreign office in Mexico City announcing that a constitutionalist force of 3,000 men had entered the state of Vera Cruz, and explaining that the movement of federal troops in that neighborhood was against the constitutionalists and not against the Americans.

## GUADALAJARA AGAIN QUIET.

Through the Brazilian legation in Mexico City the State Department today learned that the situation at Guadalajara, recently reported threatening for foreigners, was now quiet.

## MASS MEETINGS AT OTHER CHURCHES.

Besides the meetings at the Mount Pleasant Congregational and the Ninth Street Christian churches other mass meetings under the auspices of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union were held at the First Congregational Church, the Luther Memorial Church, Foundry M. E. Church, North Church, Rev. D. H. Martin, pastor of the Ascension, Speakers at all of the meetings denounced the Sunday theater, Sunday base ball games and other forms of Sunday amusements and made vigorous pleas for a more religious observance of Sunday.

## SUFFRAGISTS SHOUT TO "SHOOT THE KING"

When the park was reached the police got the militant leader and those chained to her into the park by an adroit move and then shut the gates against the rest of the women. Taken at a disadvantage, the women in chains put up a stiff fight.

## Police and Church Officials Given Busy Sunday—Struggle at Victoria Park.

LONDON, May 25.—Shouts of "Shoot the king!" filled the air at a meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union, the militant suffragette organization, was held this afternoon. Every mention of King George's name was greeted with angry denials and prolonged hissing.

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